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A Message from the Assistant Vice-President for the Library and Archives

A new year brings with it much hope and change, and a new year also brings books that are new and some new "old ones," all of which provide doors to possibilities. Whatever changes may occur to the form of a book, the substance stays the same. Likewise, though a library must change as times and technology change, the heart of a library remains the same: the heart of a library is the book.

I hope that for each of you this will be an exciting year for discovering many books which are new to you.



Robert Williams
Assistant Vice President
for Library Services

Second Apollo Astronaut Makes Donation



Dr. Edgar Mitchell, Apollo 14 Astronaut
Photo courtesy of NASA.

Dr. Edgar Mitchell, Apollo 14 astronaut, made a donation of lunar artifacts to the Horace W. Sturgis Library on October 6th. Dr. Mitchell's donation, a collection of 250 Apollo 14 emblems and five small flags flown aboard Apollo 14, is the second collection of space memorabilia to be given to the library. Apollo 16 astronaut Charles Duke Jr. made a previous donation to the library in October 2007.

Dr. Mitchell served as the lunar module pilot for Apollo 14. The mission landed at Fra Mauro formation on February 5th, 1971. In completing his first space flight, Mitchell logged a total of 216 hours and 42 minutes in space. According to David Frohman, President of Peachstate Historical Consulting and principal organizer of the lunar artifact donations made, "Dr. Mitchell's donation...bestows upon the university the rare distinction of owning more flown lunar artifacts than virtually any other entity in the world."

More information can be seen about the donation online at <http://www.kennesaw.edu/library/mitchell>.

Library Website Has A New Look

This semester the Sturgis Library released an overhaul to its website, marking the first major revision to the site in five years. In addition to cosmetic changes to the site's look and feel, there have been some major updates. One such alteration is putting a search to the library's catalog right off the front page. "One of the goals we wanted to achieve was to push more functionality up to the top, so that users don't have to dig for what they're looking for," said Dave Evans, Library Director. Further changes may happen in the coming months, as the design is refined and improved.

Go to <http://www.kennesaw.edu/library/> to view the updated site, and feel free to contact us with your opinions.

Library Partners With Center for University Learning

In order to offer more training opportunities and more informational resources to the KSU community, Sturgis Library has become the newest partner with the Center for University Learning. The library's first course offering will be held four times during spring semester. You may register for the course by logging onto Computertrain at <https://computertrain.kennesaw.edu/>. If you have questions about this class or if you would like to suggest future courses, please contact Cheryl Stiles via email at cstiles@kennesaw.edu or by phone at 770-423-6003.

The Great GALILEO and More: Using the Resources of the Sturgis Library

Learn more about the wealth of resources available through your Sturgis Library. In this workshop you'll explore the numerous electronic databases offered through GALILEO, learn how to utilize resources from work or from home, and discover thousands of full-text electronic books accessible through Netlibrary. Taught by Cheryl Stiles in Library Room #209.

Dates

Monday	January 26	2-3:30 pm	90 minutes
Wednesday	February 11	2-3:30 pm	90 minutes
Monday	February 23	9-10:30 am	90 minutes
Wednesday	March 18	2-3:30 pm	90 minutes



CUL Logo

Database Spotlight: IHS Global Insight

In these troubled economic times, up-to-date is necessary for researchers examining business markets. Towards that end, the Sturgis Library has recently added the database IHS Global Insight.

IHS Global Insight provides the most comprehensive economic, financial, and political coverage of countries, regions, and industries available from any source—covering over 200 countries and spanning more than approximately 170 industries—using a unique combination of expertise, models, data, and software within a common analytical framework to support planning and decision making. Information provided is fulltext with sourcing. One of the more interesting features is the Calendar View, which provides a view of not only past and present data, but a schedule of future data releases as well. Other features include data alerts, service bulletins, as well as webcasts of training to improve your use of the site and the data it provides.

Please visit <http://myinsight.globalinsight.com/servlet/cats?pageContent=home&imask=1> to begin using this program.



IHS Global Insight Screenshot

Global Insight provides continuous data and analysis on:

- **Developed countries:** United States, Canada, Europe, and Japan
- **Emerging countries:** Asia, Africa, Middle East, Latin America, and Eastern Europe
- **Regions:** United States, Canada, Europe, and China
- **Financial Markets:** Securities, interest rates, and currencies
- ◆ **Industries:** approximately 170 industries with deep expertise and experienced staff in the major industries



Research Paper Clinic Held

For the first time ever the Sturgis Library held its bi-annual Research Paper Clinic. These clinics are designed to assist students one on one with finding resources for their research papers. They were held on November 11th and 12th in the Writing Center. The Research Paper Clinics proved to be a great success. The students were very enthusiastic about receiving help with locating resources for their papers. The classification of students ranged from freshmen to graduate. There were various research topics. Some of the topics were welfare fraud, breast cancer, asthma and biracial marriages. Many of the students expressed that they were looking forward to the next clinic. The next Research Paper Clinic will be held in spring 2009. If there are any questions regarding the next clinics, please contact Tanji Gibson.



Tanji Gibson
Instruction Librarian

Promoting the Library and Reaching Out to Faculty

In Fall Semester 2008, the library launched an outreach program to the Kennesaw faculty to promote our library services and resources. During this promotional campaign, nicknamed "Give Us Five," eight librarians visited the departmental or college-wide meetings of several academic units, reaching more than six hundred faculty members. Collaborating in these outreach efforts were librarians Betty Childres, Jon Hansen, Mary Platt, Chris Sharpe, Rita Spisak, Cheryl Stiles, and Dewi Wilson.

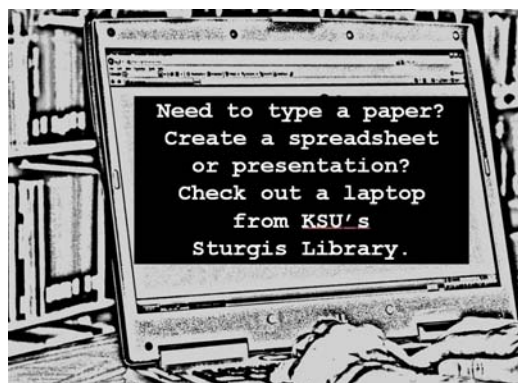
In "Give Us Five," short for "Give Us Five Minutes and Let Us Tell You Five Things about the Library," promoted these specific library resources and services:

- ◆ More than forty open research classes/training classes for students
- ◆ Eighteen open training classes for faculty
- ◆ New electronic resources
- ◆ Electronic reserves
- ◆ Availability of librarians to collaborate with faculty members on library and research-related assignments for classes

Signs Of The Times



In the dark about research?
Check out the free classes at your library.



Need to type a paper? Create a spreadsheet or
presentation? Check out a laptop from KSU's
Sturgis Library.

Staff Developments

- ◆ Elaine Riley, Library Paraprofessional I in Technical Services, will be retiring from Kennesaw State at the end of January. Elaine has worked for KSU for 20+ years. Please join us in extending our heartiest congratulations to Elaine!
- ◆ Steve Burton attended the Southeastern Music Library Association annual meeting, held at East Carolina University in Greenville, NC on October 9-11. While there he also attended the one-day "Music in Libraries: Just the Basics" pre-conference session and received 6 hours of training in cataloging sound and video recordings.
- ◆ Chris Sharpe, Librarian in Interlibrary Loan, announced the birth of his son, Jaydon Russell, on November 25th. Please join us in congratulating him!



Steve Burton
Performing Arts Librarian

In Brief

- ◆ Kelly Wooten is the new library intern for the Spring semester. Ms. Wooten is a current attendee of Valdosta State University's Library Information Studies program. She will be completing her supervised fieldwork under the leadership of Betty Childres. Ms. Kelly will graduate in August 2009.
- ◆ After some discussions with ITS, links to the library's website are now appearing automatically on WebCT pages, to help promote research.
- ◆ **Collection Shift:** The current periodicals have been moved from the racks on the first floor in with the bound periodicals on the third floor. It is hoped this will ease confusion by keeping all the physical copies of periodicals in one place, as well as free up much needed space on the first floor.
- ◆ Thanks to the general outcry from the public, the University System has announced that GIL Express will be continuing for the remainder of the 2009 fiscal year. The service will be reviewed again at that time.
- ◆ The Friends of the Library will be holding their semi-annual booksale in April, dates to be determined.

Library Exhibitions

The Sturgis Library is currently running two exhibits in the lobby.

The first, Images of American Culture in the 1930s, features articles and advertisements from LIFE Magazine. These issues can be used for research and can be found in the Bentley Rare Book Gallery.

The second honors Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday with an exhibition of images from his election campaign and inauguration in 1861. These were drawn from the historic newspapers in the Bentley Rare Book Collection and the print and electronic collections of the Sturgis Library.

Drop by today!

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Kennesaw State University is a comprehensive, residential institution with a growing student population over 20,000 from 132 countries. The third largest university out of 35 institutions in the University System of Georgia, Kennesaw State offers more than 60 graduate and undergraduate degrees, including a brand new Doctorate of Education in Leadership.